

10. An exterior sheathing element as claimed in claim 2, wherein the mounting tab includes a laterally extending support batten forming channel therein.

11. An exterior sheathing element as claimed in claim 3, wherein the mounting tab includes a laterally extending support batten forming channel therein.

12. An exterior sheathing element as claimed in claim 4, wherein the mounting tab includes a laterally extending support batten forming channel therein.

13. An exterior sheathing element as claimed in claim 5, wherein the mounting tab includes a laterally extending support batten forming channel therein.

14. An exterior sheathing element as claimed in claim 6, wherein the mounting tab includes a laterally extending support batten forming channel therein.

15. A method of exterior sheathing a structure with a plurality of sheathing elements as claimed in claim 1, comprising substantially of repeating the steps of positioning a first sheathing element on a sheathing element support of the structure, positioning a second sheathing element with a side section thereof in an overlapping relationship with a section side of the first element and in so doing ensuring their corresponding folded edge portions engage one within the other by the side section of the first folded edge portion of the underlay element being located in the groove formed by the corresponding section of the overlay element, and the side section of the second folded section of the overlay element being located in the groove formed by the corresponding section of the underlay element, and positioning a first folded edge portion of a third sheathing element in engagement over the overlapping sections and adjacent sections of the second folded edge portions of the first and second sheathing elements with those second folded edge sections being located in the groove formed by the first folded edge portion of the third

element, and throughout utilising mounting means with the mounting tabs to affix the sheathing elements to the support.

16. A method of exterior sheathing a structure with a plurality of sheathing elements as claimed in claim 3, comprising substantially of repeating the steps of positioning a first sheathing element on a sheathing element support of the structure, positioning a second sheathing element with a side section thereof in an overlapping relationship with a section side of the first element and in so doing ensuring their corresponding folded edge portions engage one within the other by the side section of the first folded edge portion of the underlay element being located in the groove formed by the corresponding section of the overlay element, and the side section of the second folded section of the overlay element being located in the groove formed by the corresponding section of the underlay element, and positioning a first folded edge portion of a third sheathing element in engagement over the overlapping sections and adjacent sections of the second folded edge portions of the first and second sheathing elements with those second folded edge sections being located in the groove formed by the first folded edge portion of the third element, and throughout utilising mounting means with the mounting tabs to affix the sheathing elements to the support.

17. A method of exterior sheathing a structure with a plurality of sheathing elements as claimed in claim 4, comprising substantially of repeating the steps of positioning a first sheathing element on a sheathing element support of the structure, positioning a second sheathing element with a side section thereof in an overlapping relationship with a section side of the first element and in so doing ensuring their corresponding folded edge portions engage one within the other by the side section of the first folded edge portion of the underlay element being located in the groove formed by the corresponding section of the overlay element, and the side section of the second folded section of the overlay element being located in the groove formed by the corresponding section of the underlay element, and positioning a first folded edge portion of a third sheathing element in engagement over the overlapping sections and adjacent sections of the